

NOTICE TO TEACHERS:—Public Examinations for the benefit of those persons desiring to teach in Bates county, will be held on the 3d Saturday of each month in the Ohio street school house, Butler, Mo., and on the 1st Saturday of each month in the West side school house, Rich Hill, Mo., the examination commencing each day at 9 o'clock, A. M.

LOCAL ITEMS

W. TUCKER, City Auctioneer, does a general collecting business. All orders left at the Times office will receive prompt attention.

J. K. Brugler wants a lot of good farm loans, running from 6 to 18 months. This is a good chance for farmers to get short loans, or sell short real estate paper.

The Misses Jackson, of Cass county, are visiting Miss Lillie Smith.

Wanted. A girl to do house work for small family. Enquire at this office.

Spring chickens are coming into market. They are small and fat and range in price from \$1.50 to \$2 per dozen.

T. J. Day, of Butler marble works was in the city yesterday. He ordered a fine buggy at John Oechsli's shop.—Clinton Democrat.

The repairing of the spire of the First Presbyterian church was a much needed improvement and adds greatly to the appearance of the building.

Found, 7 miles west of Butler, one pair spectacles. Owner can have same by calling on Jas. H. Beckett, of Charlotte township, and proving property.

The Kansas City court of appeals confirmed the judgment of Judge Gantt in the following cases: John Rucker vs. Waddy Thompson; Parilee Duncan vs. Mo. Pac. Ry. Co.; A. Henry vs. C. C. Bassett.

Union service in the court house yard next Sunday evening at a quarter to 7 o'clock, sharp. As Rev. Mr. Bewley was rained out last Sunday, Rev. Pierce will be the next in alphabetical order to conduct the service. The public are most cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Arrangements are now being completed for an excursion train on the St. L. & E. road to arrive at Kincaid in the forenoon and stay until evening in order to accommodate citizens of Butler, Foster, Pleasanton, Mound City and Blue Mound who wish to celebrate with us on Saturday, the 3d of July.—Kincaid Chronicle.

Do not make love to a girl just to hear her sigh as she rests her head against your watch pocket. Do not kiss a baby just to please the mother nor would it be advisable to kiss the mother just to please the baby. Do not believe that ever girl who smiles on you is in love with you. Girls smile on fellows as roosters crow—simply because others do.—Ex.

The Rich Hill Distilling Company, we understand, is to be reorganized. The amount of capital is to be increased one hundred per cent., the capacity doubled and the business generally carried on on a much larger scale. It has been thoroughly tested, and to the full satisfaction of those engaged in the enterprise, that as good a grade of whiskey can be manufactured here as at any point in the west and, indeed, equal to the popular brands of old Bourbon county, Kentucky.—Review.

Ex-Governor McClurg, passed through this place last Monday, with a mule team en route for Walworth county, Dakota. Although this gentleman has been governor of the great state of Missouri, it is evident from the primitive method of migration employed that he lacks a great deal of being a millionaire.—Osceola Advance.

The Governor passed through Butler last week. He stopped a short time at the Arlington hotel to visit his old friend Dr. Lansdown, and then went on his way. But few people knew he was in town until after his departure.

Frank M. Trimble, of Foster, was over Monday and paid the TIMES sanctum a very pleasant call.

The woolen mills in this city caught fire last Thursday, but the flames were extinguished before serious damage was done.

R. S. Catron, Geo. A. Todd, R. J. Hurley and J. R. Simpson went down to Rockville township on Monday to look after a lime quarry, situated near where the court proposes to locate a new bridge, between Vernon and Bates counties.

We regret exceedingly to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Sullens, wife of Judge John H. Sullens, who is suffering from a heart affliction. Mrs. Sullens is a most excellent lady and she has the sympathies of the entire neighborhood where she has resided for so many years.

The town board has recently had built a substantial iron building on the city property, just back of city hall, to keep tools belonging to the city, also have had erected a substantial plank fence eight feet high around the calabosse lot. They also leased a strip of ground eight feet wide off of south end of calabosse lot to J. P. Edwards for five years at \$25 per year.

Dr. B. F. Winsett, of Butler, Mo., has located in our town to build a practice in the art of healing. The doctor is of the homoeopathic school, and we believe the only one of that school in the county. He has had two years of practical instruction in the Cook county hospital, of Chicago, and we bespeak for him a liberal share of the patronage of this section of the county.—Blue Mound Sun.

Mr. Winsett is a brother of Miss Minnie Winsett, of our city.—Pleasanton Herald.

Dr. Peter Irish, the aged father of Thomas Irish, senior editor of the Mining Review, died at the residence of the latter last evening at 6:30 o'clock. The deceased was born in Northumberland county, Ontario, Canada, December 4, 1801, where he resided until about two years ago when he came west spending part of the time with a daughter in the northern part of Michigan, but for the past 18 months has been with his son here. The deceased was partially paralyzed three years ago, and partially recovering came here hoping to be benefited by a less severe climate.—Rich Hill Herald.

At the meeting of the town board on last Thursday night, mayor Brown appointed Geo. E. Catterlin special engineer to establish a grade on the streets around the square. This appointment was confirmed by the board, and the street commissioner was ordered to grade the same. The city clerk was ordered to draw up ordinances compelling property owners around the square to macadamize the street to the center, to join the work ordered by the county court. This is an excellent order and reflects credit upon the wisdom of the board. It not only improves the street and enhances the value of property, but gives employment to a number of laborers.

The people of Bates, St. Clair and Vernon counties should certainly understand the position of the congressional candidates in regard to making appropriations for the improvements of the Osage river from its mouth to Papinville, in southeastern Bates. We have three candidates out now in the district, viz: Parkinson, Stone and Gantt. The people of the above mentioned four counties should support those men who will favor the improvement of the Osage as above mentioned. As yet the papers of three counties have said nothing concerning this measure, and we trust they will agitate the matter, as it is of vital importance to their counties in the transporting of goods.—Rockville Globe.

Our present congressman has already put himself on record in this matter. He is opposed to the improvement of rivers the size of the Osage. See his speech on the river and harbor bill.

JOHN T. LEABO TO HANG.

The Wife Murderer to Expiate His Crime on the Gallows.

The Supreme Court Affirms the Decision of the Bates Circuit Court.

The Execution to Take Place on July 30th, 1886.

The Supreme Court affirms the decision of the Bates circuit court in the case of the State of Missouri vs. John T. Leabo, and fixed the date of execution on July 30th, 1886.

On the 22d of December, 1883, the body of Luella Leabo, wife of John T. Leabo, was found in a well on her husband's place, in Walnut township. She was dressed in her night clothes, and the body bore the appearance of death by strangulation rather than by drowning. Marks were upon her throat, and the indications were that she had been carried from the house to the well, as a slight snow was on the ground, and it would have been almost impossible for a person to have traveled that distance without leaving some mark or sign. It was generally known in the neighborhood that the relations existing between husband and wife were not harmonious, in fact they were frequently known to have quarreled and on several occasions came to blows. The heartless manner displayed by John T. Leabo at the finding of the body and his unseemly haste in having the funeral, caused his suspicion and arrest. There was great excitement at the time and it was feared he would be mobbed, but wiser counsel prevailed. He was tried before a justice of the peace and committed to jail, without bail, to await the action of the grand jury.

He was tried at the June term of the circuit court, 1884, found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hung. An appeal was taken to the supreme court and the case was remanded back to this court for a new trial, on the ground that some evidence had been excluded which should have gone before the jury. At the following June term of court, 1885, he was again tried and convicted of murdering his wife. The case was again taken to the supreme court by his attorneys, Holcomb & Silvers, who have made a gallant fight for his neck, and done all any mortal power could do to save him, but without avail, only postponing the final result.

John T. Leabo has had the advantage of as fine legal talent as there is in the state. The juries before which he was tried are acknowledged to be the best juries, taken all in all, ever empaneled in Bates county. He cannot complain of unfairness of his trial. The evidence against him is all circumstantial, but it is of the most positive nature and cannot be overcome. Unless the governor's clemency interferes to save him, his life will certainly pay the forfeit.

This is the fourth case of murder in the first degree tried by Judge Gantt during his term, which has resulted in conviction. Patterson, Hopkirk, Brownfield and Leabo were all convicted and their conviction has been affirmed in the supreme court. Patterson alone, so far, has been executed.

Prof. J. H. Hinton, our handsome and talented member of the next general assembly, was in the city Saturday and gave the TIMES office a pleasant call. The people of the state will hear from Prof. Hinton next winter.

Fresh fruits and candies, oranges, lemonade, ginger ale and pop, excellent lunch, fine cigars and excellent tobaccos always on hand at Dickinson's. We advise our country friends to pay him a visit on the north side square, under Hagedorn's gallery.

A light fingered gent attempted to tap the till of the American Clothing house on yesterday morning. Mr. Blanchard, the head clerk, was in the back room watching maneuvers through the window, and interfered in time to prevent the theft, and lifted the would-be thief out of the door on the toe of his boot.

The case of the state of Mo. vs. Summer C. Holcomb, has been continued at the instance of the defence. The ground for a continuance being the absence of several important witnesses.

We are informed that there will be no special train to Harrisonville on St. John's day, June 24th. Parties contemplating making the trip will have to take the early morning train, which passes Butler at 4:52 a. m.

Up to date Lewis Hoffman has bought fifty thousand pounds of wool. He has shipped sixteen thousand pounds and has on hand at present thirty-four thousand pounds which he is holding for a spring in the market.

The contract for putting up iron hitch racks and laying a walk around the square and macadamizing one half the street, was let on last Saturday, to J. P. Edwards for \$3,600. The contractor is to buy all rock broken by prisoners and allow the county one dollar and twenty cents per perch.

Geo. W. Frame, one of the best newspaper men in the state, was in the city the fore part of the week on business. He is interested in the new town of Bronaugh, situated 17 miles southwest of Nevada, on the Minden road. He thinks he has a bonanza and is very solicitous that others should see the same way. He did not forget to call and shake the hand of an honest man—the printer.

H. M. Sly, editor of the Adrian Advertiser, was in the city Monday and gave us a pleasant call. We found him to be a clever, sociable gentleman, well posted on the current topics of the day. He informs us that the Advertiser will be straight democratic from now on. We are glad to welcome such a good paper into the fold. May its mission in the democratic party be the accomplishment of much good.

The Supreme Court has again reversed the lower court in the case of Atkinson vs. Dixon for the property on the southeast corner of the square. This property has been in litigation a number of years, first one getting a judgment then the other. The last decision was in favor of Mr. Atkinson. It is to be hoped this matter will soon be settled and a brick block speedily erected on the burned district, which is an eye-sore to the public.

In newspaper work a man eminently worthy and deserving of a complimentary notice is frequently neglected because the opportunity and environments do not call forth such a notice. Such is the case of our popular and talented young lawyer friend, W. G. Rose. Mr. Rose has been established among our people for a number of years and by his strict integrity and honorable dealings has gained the respect and confidence of all, and by his studious habits and close application to business is steadily building up a substantial and lucrative practice in his profession. He is at present city attorney and clerk and is a member of our school board. We predict that there is a bright future in the legal field for W. G. Rose.

A rumor has been going the rounds for some time that the foundation to the west school building was giving way, thereby making the building unsafe. On Friday the school board met to take action in this matter and as a result of their conference the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to make a thorough examination of this building and make a report of its condition: R. G. Hartwell, J. A. Deviney, J. P. Edwards, Dr. E. Pyle, C. W. Rogers, W. W. Eldridge and T. W. Childs. This is the right step and the Board should receive credit for their prompt action in the matter. This district is large enough and wealthy enough to build a fine school house. This is one public institution that should not be neglected, the education of our youth. The present building is old and dilapidated, and really unsafe and we are satisfied our people would cheerfully vote a new school building if given the opportunity.

BUTLER ACADEMY.

Closing Exercises of this Growing Institution.

Alumni Reunion and Banquet.

The examinations at the Butler Academy were begun on Monday, June 14th, and lasted three days. These examinations were thorough and rigid throughout, and showed the thorough course of training the students had to undergo, the proficiency required of each before he could pass muster. On Wednesday evening Rev. Newton delivered the annual address to the Hesperian Literary Society, at the First Presbyterian church. His subject was "Ideal manhood." The address was logical and convincing throughout and gave some excellent advice to the young man or woman just entering upon the duties of life. It showed great thought and research and was highly appreciated by the large audience.

On Thursday morning the commencement exercises were held in the opera house and were witnessed by a large and appreciative audience. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Walker, after which a solo was rendered by Miss Katie Glessner at the piano and Mr. Frank Allen, violin. Miss Dora Payne's salutatory, "Light by the Way," was a well written article and was read in a pleasing manner. Dora Hart discoursed on "Buds then Leaves," with that erudition and distinctness which at once commanded the closest attention of the audience. The valedictory, "The Harvest," by Fred S. Taylor, was well composed and delivered, though the volume of his voice was insufficient, so that it was difficult for those in the rear of the room to hear.

Mesdames Walton and McFarland and Messrs. Allen and Allison assisted in the exercises with some excellent vocal music. The diplomas were presented by Prof. Naylor, principal, who gave the young graduates some excellent advice on thus assuming the cares and responsibilities of practical life.

In the afternoon the annual reunion and banquet of the alumni was held at the fine suburban residence of W. W. Henry, north of town. The meeting was called to order by Dixie L. Haggard, president, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Mr. L. Goble delivered the annual address in a brilliantly rhetorical and highly entertaining speech, but showed less of that practical life with which he will be sure to become familiar if he makes a success. Miss Maggie Newton read the "Building of the Ship" in a very forcible manner and showed she was well versed in the elocutionary art. Rev. Newton and Prof. Naylor gave the class a short talk, after which the officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Charley Betz, President; Fred Taylor, Vice-President; Miss Dora Hart, Secretary; Miss Lena Tel-schaw, Corresponding Sec'y. Jas. Gilmore was chosen to deliver the next annual address.

The meeting then adjourned to the orchard, where, under the spreading apple trees, a bountiful and delicious repast had been spread by the ladies, and we opine that never a merrier throng gathered around the festive board.

The exercises of the week closed at night with a reunion at the Academy building of graduates, scholars, teachers, parents and patrons.

The citizens of Butler and Bates county should feel proud of the creditable showing made by this institution of learning in our midst, which, though young in years, presents advantages which many old colleges do not possess.

Col. Ed. Vance, mail agent on the Gulf line, passed up the road Monday night to Rich Hill, where he put in his best licks for Jim Burns, aspiring candidate for U. S. Senator. Ed. says Jim is the best timber in the state out of which to make a senator, and that by the old gray goose of his grandmother, he must get there by all means.—Hume Star.

Yes, Ed. is also putting in his best licks for Stone, with about as much success.

Judge Waldo P. Johnson's Estate.

Hon John H. Lucas, of Osceola, a leading member of the bar of the southwest, spent yesterday in this city attending to duties devolving upon him as attorney for the administrator of the estate of the late Waldo P. Johnson. Mr. Lucas says the winding up of this vast estate takes nearly all his time. The lots in Clinton belonging to the estate were recently sold to A. C. Avery.—Clinton Democrat.

Stonebraker & Moore have just been appointed agents of the Waldo P. Johnson estate in Bates county which embraces 2,500 acres of land. Mr. Johnson died about two years ago and left quite a landed estate—something over 100,000 acres of improved and unimproved lands, distributed in nineteen different counties in this state. Mr. Moore sold one tract of this Bates county land lying on the river bottom near town last week.—Rich Hill Herald.

A Divorce Case with a History.

Citizens of Clinton will generally remember Walter C. Clark, who, with the assistance of children and our best musical talent, rendered the "Naïad Queen" at city hall last October. It is a beautiful operatta, and required considerable training before presentation. Clark had made a specialty of these entertainments for several years, and during this time visited all towns of prominence in this part of the state, including several in Kansas and Iowa. Last July he was at Butler, Bates county, where after two weeks' acquaintance he married Miss Eugie Wright, then in charge of the telegraph office. After three months' wedded life Clark sent her to her mother's, and wrote her insulting letters. They lived together until last January, when Mrs. Clark begun suit in the St. Louis circuit court for divorce. Last week her petition was granted, the court restoring her original name.—Clinton Democrat.

Miss Wright is at present located at Nevada where she is city telegraph operator.

Good Railroad News.

From reports received in here yesterday it seems that the disappointment felt over a stoppage of the work on the St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado railroad was premature. Major E. I. Peck received funds yesterday with which to pay off the contractors for work already done from the construction company, and in a letter to Major Peck the management states that the chief engineer, Mr. Emerson, will arrive in the city in a few days with orders to more definitely locate the line east of and through the city, and that the money to pay for the right of way would be sent here in a few days also, and that the building of the road would go ahead as rapidly as practicable. These facts will be good news to our people.—Fort Scott Monitor.

Dr. Walks.

Wishes to inform his patrons that hereafter all calls, any time day or night for him, can be made by telephone from Dixie's Drug store, north side square. He will be found at his office at north west corner of the square from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Mr. McCutchen wishes us to inform parties wishing to purchase that he has four splendid thoroughbred yearling bulls left which he will sell with the tariff stricken off. This is a splendid opportunity to those wishing to engage in fine stock. 29-tt

If you want to build a house, barn, fence or do repairing, go to McVEIGH's yard on North Main street for your lumber.

Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, James A. Smith, by his deed of trust, dated March 15th, 1886, and recorded in the Recorder's office within and for Bates county, Missouri, in Book No. 46, page 57, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate, lying and being situate in the county of Bates and state of Missouri, to-wit: Lot two (2) in the northwest quarter of section thirty (30), and six (6) acres off the east end of lot two (2) in the southwest quarter of section nineteen (19), in township forty (40) of range twenty-nine (29), containing 26 acres more or less. Which conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of one certain note, fully described in said deed of trust; and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and accrued interest thereon, now long past due and unpaid. Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and pursuant to the conditions of said deed of trust, I will proceed to sell the above described premises at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Butler, county of Bates and state of Missouri, on

Thursday, July 15th, 1886, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, for the purposes of satisfying said debt, interest and costs. F. M. ALLEN, Trustee.